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In re application of

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For: STRUCTURAL MEMBER COMPRISING A BODY AND REINFORCING RIBS AND
CORRESPONDING MOTOR VEHICLE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action (Paper No. 9) mailed November 20, 2002, please amend
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Amended) A structural member comprising a body with a cavity, and plastic reinforcing ribs in the cavity, the body having at least one outer edge which comprises set back discrete regions, said regions defining notches which open in the outer edge, the member further comprising blocks that are integral moulded with the ribs, the blocks enveloping the outer edge in its set-back regions and extending through the notches.

2. (Amended) The member according to Claim 1, wherein the set-back regions have stepped shapes with angles.

3. (Amended) The member according to Claim 1, wherein the set-back regions have at least some parts that converge away from the body.

4. (Amended) The member according to Claim 3, wherein the converging parts of the set-back regions are substantially trapezium-shaped.